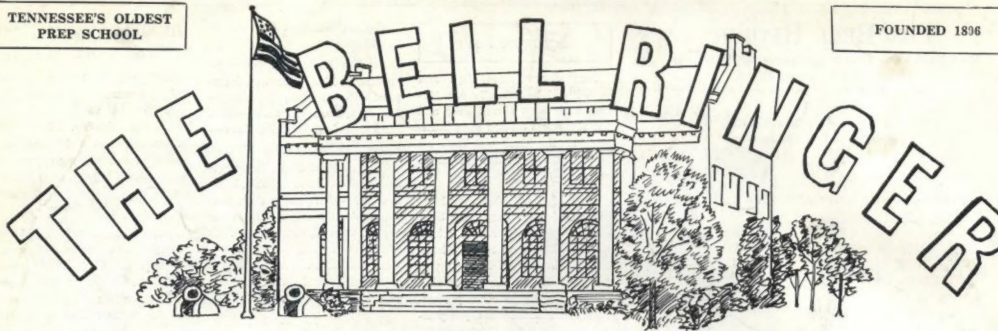


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## M.B.A. SENDS DELEGATES TO YOUTH LEGISLATURE

### TOTOMOI TAPS NEW MEMBERS

Early in May, Dick Scales, Andy Coles, Mack Brothers, and Eddie Holt were tapped in Assembly as new members of the TOTOMOI CLUB, founded this spring. The Totomoi Club is an organization which honors the student leaders of the school. In order to be eligible for membership a boy must have a certain number of points. Congratulations to these new members for their high honor.

### REVEREND SHAW SPEAKS IN ASSEMBLY

We were pleased to have with us recently the Reverend Robert Shaw, Rector of St. George's Parish Church, Episcopal. Mr. Shaw spoke on prayer; its usefulness, and our approach to God.

He gave four ways to pray:

1. Pray receptively, using "not my will but thine be done" as your basis.
2. Pray affirmatively with a goal before you.
3. Be watchful, for prayer can be dangerous. One's closeness to God can be highly dangerous because of the power of the Infinite. When Bishop Latimer, co-founder of the Anglican Communion, was led to his death at the stake for heresy, he said, "Today we light such a candle in England that it shall never be snuffed."
4. Pray constantly without ceasing. No one can make a friend just by nodding; therefore we must speak earnestly and often to Our Father, God.

He closed his talk with a story of the English seaman, Billy Hicks, who was close to God in a storm.

### OUR TEACHERS

Let us renew and deepen our faith in our teachers, for they, who have given us so much, deserve our loyalty and respect, as well as our gratitude.

Why not give our teachers a helping hand, a word of cheer and a smile? For they are human, too, and what human being doesn't respond to friendliness? Do we withhold our friendship because we think we would be accused of "apple-polishing?"

The influence of our teachers is endless. We at M.B.A. are very fortunate in having teachers of the highest caliber. We feel confident as we enter college, that we have had the best High School education that it is possible to have.

Our teachers have given us a sense of right values, have encouraged initiative in us, and taught us integrity. Through their wise leadership we feel well equipped to face whatever the future has in store for us. Let us renew and deepen our faith in them.

### HARPETH HALL GLEE CLUB SINGS HERE

The Glee Club from Harpeth Hall School presented a vocal program in a special Assembly here on Friday, May 7. The group consisted of nearly twenty girls and their instructor, Miss Smith. The club sang several songs, two of which were "I'll Be Seeing You" and "The Night Has a Thousand Eyes." In addition to the girls' singing, Miss Smith sang some old folk-tunes and accompanied her own singing by playing the zither. The students certainly enjoyed the performance.

### SCIENCE PROJECTS

The annual Middle Tennessee Science Fair was held in the old gym at Vanderbilt University. Montgomery Bell Academy was well represented in many fine exhibits. John Nolan, a junior chemistry student, won a blue ribbon and \$10.00 first prize with "Wimpy," his anatomy model, and W. A. Coleman won a second prize of \$5.00 with his fountain pen radio. Freshman General Science student, Rollin Lassiter, won a second prize and \$5.00 for his moon map. Honorable mention went to Charlie Trimble for a thermostat demonstration, and Bobby Calton for his Timed Acceleration display. The following week at the Boy's Hobby Fair, John Nolan won a \$50.00 prize and a silver medal for "Wimpy," and Fletcher Harvey got a blue ribbon for his Black Light exhibit. Jim Wood also won \$50.00 for his model of Kon-Tiki. Other winners of ribbons were Lassiter, Rule, and Boyer. Mr. Winstead's Science classes have shown a great deal of interest and enthusiasm in the various science shows and demonstrations that have been shown in the Nashville area.

### SCHOOL DECLAMATION CONTEST HELD

Once again this year the annual declamation contest has been held. The winners of these events will speak at commencement. The first contest was the Junior School contest held in assembly. Because of the large number of entrants an elimination round was held first. The final decision went to Tony Edmonds with Frankie Crowell coping second. Others were Kent Hamilton, Tommy Sloan, Steve Garrett, and Edgar Uden.

The high school is divided into two sections, Freshmen-Sophomore and Junior-Senior. Because of the large number of entrants each contest was held on a different night for the first time. Sam Vail won the Fresh-Soph division with George Sloan second. Others included Jim Cecil, Jim Rule, Dick Sager, Tommy Frist, Billy Morehead, Ivan Brown, Eddie White, and Dick Sobel.

The Junior-Senior division title went to Penny Nolan, who was speaking for the first time. John Sloan was second. Other speakers were Steve Wood, John Barkdale, and John Thweatt.

### STUDENTS RECEIVE HALF HOLIDAY

The M.B.A. students received a half holiday Tuesday, May 11th, because of the outstanding scholarship of five M.B.A. graduates. Kent Carney, Thomas Watts, Inman Fox, Richard Porter, and Robert McNeilly were all named to Phi Beta Kappa national honorary scholastic society at Vanderbilt University. Three of these former M.B.A. students, Richard Porter, Robert McNeilly and Inman Fox, had been tapped to Omicron Delta Kappa, campus leadership fraternity, last year. Dr. Sager's reason for the holiday was that scholarship is so important that the outstanding records of M.B.A. graduates should be called to the attention of students so that they will strive to obtain honors too. That's why the M.B.A. students enjoyed a half holiday on Tuesday.

### WINNERS IN SPEAKING CONTESTS

On April 30, Rob Lightfoot and Mrs. Campbell went to Knoxville where Rob was entered in the finals of the state declamation contest. Only once before has a M.B.A. boy gone this far. Richard Bibb was second in 1952. On May 1, Rob spoke against the best in the state. When the decision was announced, Rob was first, thus ending a brilliant speaking career at M.B.A.

On Saturday, May 2, John Sloan won three rounds of extemporaneous speaking in the Mid-South Forensic Tournament at Sewanee Military Academy. Having a total of three points, his division. His nearest opponent had eight points.

The debate, participating for the first time, was very successful for each round, he had the smallest total, thereby winning also. They won four out of six rounds. The negative, John Hardcastle and Ed Blank, won all three of their rounds. The affirmative, Eddie Holt and Andy Coles, won one of their rounds.

Other M.B.A. boys participating were Sam Vail and Penny Nolan in declamation and Dick Sobel in dramatic.

On April 2-4, 1954, the first Tennessee Y.M.C.A. Youth Legislature was held at the State Capitol in Nashville. High School students from all over the state came as delegates.

Friday morning at the beginning of the conference, there was an address by Governor Frank Clement to the entire group. Next, the election for the Youth Governor was held. The three candidates were Tom Coppedge, Bobby Lineberger, and Charles Champion. Coppedge won in a very close ballot with Lineberger. Then the delegates were separated into committees, and various bills were discussed. These bills were then brought before the House and Senate. The delegates showed outstanding interest and intelligence in discussing and voting on the bills.

On Saturday night a banquet was held at the Noel Hotel. Former Governor Jim McCord was the guest speaker of the evening. Placques were awarded to the outstanding boys in the Senate and the House. Following the banquet, there was a dance at the Y.M.C.A.

Sunday morning the delegates attended a church service at the famed Upper Room.

The delegates from M.B.A. were Bobby Lineberger, Rob Lightfoot, Steve Wood, Bob Scales, Dick Scales, Mack Brothers, Jim Overall, and John Teas.

The Youth Legislature was a big success in that it gave these youths, some of whom later will be the leaders of our state, a better understanding of how our state government is run, and how our laws are made.

### LIGHTFOOT SINGS IN ASSEMBLY

In assembly Rob Lightfoot gave a singing recital on Thursday, May 6th. Although he had no accompaniment, he still impressed the student body with his singing. He sang hits such as "Rags to Riches," and "Embraceable You."



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## CLASS NEWS

### Grade School News

Hello again.

Muse must be studying. He made three hundreds in History. Must be a brain.

The Grand Duchess flubbed. She must have been thinking of a hot poker game.

Rayford has a new girl friend. Oh, no—not another!

The Junior School tennis tournament has started. Burch beats Husband in first round. Husband claims Burch sabotaged his tennis racket.

Edmonds wins Junior School speech contest. Crowell was a close second.

Mr. Novak starts a zero rule. Clements leads class.

Peek keeps up sensational hundred average in Spelling.

Some Junior School nicknames are: Black Lip, Duck, Big Mac, Crywell, D. B., Bird Legs, Steiny, Previne, Flounder Foot, Squintworth.

The boys on the privileged list are: Robert White, David Waller, Roger Peek, Albert Wheeler, Edgar Uden, Tony Edmonds, Guy McClellan, Warner Bass, Frankie Crowell, Bobby Rayford, Tom Stephens, Tom Sloan, and Lucius Burch.

### Freshmen News

Well, school is nearly over and we can all say a prayer for that.

George Sloan is heading off to Seattle and New Orleans this summer and Reed is going to his

uncle's farm, that rids us of them at least.

Who was "Little Mule" chasing with the hose pipe?

Love'em and leave'em Dozier has struck again, we miss Carolyn.

Ledyard is enjoying himself. I'm sure, every Saturday in demerit hall.

Mrs. Sims receives a beefcake picture of Jodie Wallace. Wallace tries everything to find out who gave it. Who confessed?

Thurmie and Hunter have done a swell job on the track team. We hope they are twice as good next year.

Gaily looking forward to exams are Don Brothers and Coochie Marshall. Their smiling and cheerful faces will be certain to encourage all the scared little failures, I mean freshmen.

Smith challenges his better to a duel, but gets the boot. The Herberts had quite a time in Florida—you ought to hear their tales.

The Presbyterians had a grand time on their camp and Doug Conwell and Tommy Barksdale didn't help create an angelic atmosphere.

The Episcopalians must have had a good time too. Deacon has been drumming Spanish rhythms ever since.

Murphree and W. McDougall lose 8c in the motor cut-away in the lab. They thought it was a pin ball machine—For shame!

And now until next year, this is "The Deacon" saying goodbye.

### Sophomore News

Just a few more days and school will be officially out. Exams have been slaved over and the mid-night oil has been burned, but the time we have all looked forward to has just about arrived.

Most of the Sophomores have obtained jobs to keep them busy during the summer and others will just lie in the sun and have a good time. John Provine will probably be seen in the market selling the last week's production. Jim Kellam has a job pulling feathers out of chickens with his well-known tweezers. Henry Hurt claims he has the shortest working hours in the business, from 12 to 1. Eddie White will be seen throwing coke (?) bottles at cats on the M.B.A. campus. Russell Brothers will go into the weasel fur business this year. Frank Burkholder decided to open his new riding academy during the summer months. Harry Lawson has a job licking stamps at the post office. Ralph Owen has a job at the Celtic but we are not sure whether it is work. Many others will be laboring over their summer work.

On the serious side, we will miss John Provine who will go to school in Alabama next year where his father has accepted the presidency of a school. Wish you would stay with us, John.

Congratulations to Sam Vail, who won the Fresh-Soph speaking contest. Also a lot of credit goes to the boys who worked to put over the Soph stunt.

Out of the Sophomore class comes some of the track stars of the Academy's city-champion squad. They include Henry Hurt, Mack Rolfe, John McDougall and others.

Hope you all have a pleasant vacation and I'll see you next year.

### Junior News

Well fellow Juniors, this is our last issue until we are almighty Seniors next year. We Juniors are going to earn a half-holiday for the Stunt night performance, we hope. The Junior performers are D. V. Johnson, Don Goodman, Ed Holt, Andy Coles, Al Strayhorn, Warren Davis, Hayes Cooney, Fred Cassidy, Jim Overall, Joe Luckey, Mack Brothers, John Dobson, Fletcher Harvey, Penny Nolan, Sam Porter, Don Jackson, Sam Hunt, Doc Elliot, John Barksdale, John Thweat, and Fletcher Eyster. We are sure these Juniors will hold up the record of our class.

The Juniors are really making a showing in Spring Sports. In track; Jack Herbert, Pete Thompson, Whitney Waugh, Norman Minnick, Bill Fennell, Jim Gardner, Don Chickey, Butch McDaniel, Al Strayhorn, Charlie Beatty, and Bill Epps. In tennis: Hayes Cooney, next year's captain, Glenn Brooks, Mack Brothers, Ted Duncan, Jim Overall and Sam Hunt. In baseball: Andy Coles, Jack Butler, and Ed Holt. In golf: Butch McDaniel, John

Barksdale, Fletcher Eyster and D. V. Johnson.

The new Key Club officers are: President—Mack Brothers, Vice-president—Ed Holt, Secretary—Al Strayhorn, Treasurer—Sam Porter, and Sergeant-at-Arms—Hayes Cooney.

The new Hi-Y Club officers are: President—Charlie Trimble, Vice-President—John Brick Teas, Secretary—Ben Robbins, Treasurer—Jim Overall, Chaplain—Jack Welch, and Sergeant-at-Arms—John Barksdale. Congratulations to these boys. I am sure they will make fine officers.

Jack Allen told me to put his name in print. Here it is: JACK ALLEN.

Congratulations to Jack Herbert for breaking NIL 100 yard dash record, to Whitney for winning mid-state discus throw, and to Mack Brothers, Ed Holt and Andy Coles on becoming Totomoi members.

Nolan smells up Mr. Wise's room with his concoction of hydrogen sulfide. Mr. Wise makes fifth period class sick with it. See you next year.

*Bottom  
of the  
Afternoon*



By Blue La Rue

Well, welcome again to the last article by the cat of the campus, Blue (dig that crazy French name) LaRue.

Lightfoot serenades student body with his singing in assembly. Five members of the student body swoon.

Pfeiffer breaks up with his girl. Senior class mourns, sends flowers.

Students rejoice as baseball team wins first game. McIntosh gets a hit, is now batting .030.

The Bell Ringer staff would like to congratulate the track team on its fine showing this season. We know that it must have taken effort and ability to produce such success.

Smoke pours from Trig class as Dr. Rule leaves class. Wonder what caused it.

Stunt Night draws near. Bruno suggested for playing part as Mrs. Rule. Hardcastle easy choice for part as Dr. Sager.

Dr. Sager warns student to stay away from other schools as M.B.A. has half holiday. Five students race to Harpeth Hall. Intramural tennis starts. Ridley (my racket is warped) Ruth loses first round.

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### MR. DALAUAUX SPEAKER AT M.B.A.

Mr. John Dalavaux, noted author, lecturer and psychologist, spoke to the student body of M.B.A. on Monday, March 29. Endearing himself to his audience with his tales of the over privileged child, he gave an interesting talk on the value of good training.

Interspersing a few anecdotes throughout, he made the observation that all people are too unresponsive to criticism. Instead of proffing by it, so he pointed out, we hate it. This of course is not unusual but we must not excuse ourselves of the fault just because everyone has it. It is our duty to combat the fault for criticism is very useful to us; others can see where we may improve even if we do not see it.

Mr. Dalavaux's unusual manner of delivery was quite agreeable and refreshing. I hope you will all read his short book, **For Students Only**.

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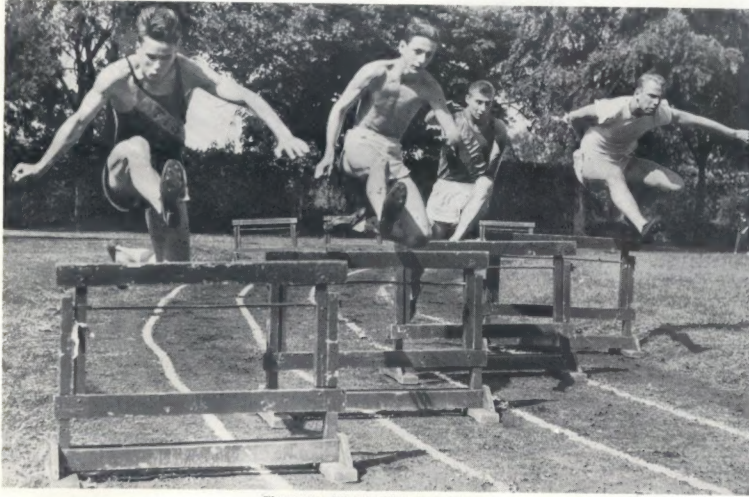
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## — S P O R T S —

**TENNIS TEAM HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR**

Thompson (Right) Wins Low Hurdles

**GOLF AT M.B.A.**

Although the golf team has a 5-2 record, it is out of the race for the N.I.L. Championship. The team's two losses were suffered at the hands of Ryan and East.

The record so far is:

M.B.A. ....6	Bellevue ....0
M.B.A. ....1	Ryan ....5
M.B.A. ....6	B.G.A. ....0
M.B.A. ....6	Lipscomb ....0
M.B.A. ....4½	Cohn ....1½
M.B.A. ....0	East ....6
M.B.A. ....5½	West ....½

The rank of the players is as follows:

1. Bobby Calton
2. Butch McDaniel
3. John Barksdale
4. Buddy Foxall
5. Duke Kennedy

The team went to Chattanooga and showed up very well. Bobby Calton had the best score of the team, which came in third.

Duke Kennedy has the best average so far this season. His average is around 37.

**BASEBALL TEAM HAS 3-4 RECORD**

The Big Red Baseball team has compiled a better record than was expected. Although the players were inexperienced, Coach McNeilly has done a remarkable job. With the season almost completed, the record is as follows:

M.B.A.—6	Cohn—13
M.B.A.—3	North—10
M.B.A.—5	Hume-Fogg—3
M.B.A.—3	West—9
M.B.A.—5	Ryan—3
M.B.A.—8	Lipscomb—6
M.B.A.—0	Cumberland—8
*M.B.A.	Bellevue
*M.B.A.	Hillsboro
*M.B.A.	Franklin

(\* to be played)

The pitching duties have been put mostly on big Carlin Rolfe. The other pitcher is Tom Husband. Whit Watson has seen relief duties. Both boys are left handers. Rolfe has a 3-3 record while Husband has a 0-1 record. On a day of a game the line-up would look something like this:

1B—Husband  
2B—Frist  
3B—McIntosh  
SS—Watson  
LF—T. Williams  
CF—Drowata  
RF—Brown  
C—Coles  
P—Rolfe

Frist, Watson and Williams are hitting the ball very well. All three are now Sophomores and should improve steadily.

**TRACK AT M.B.A.**

This is the first year that M.B.A. has attempted to field a track team, and much praise should be given to Coach Owen for the wonderful job he has done. We could not have expected more.

After two or three complete days of practice, the team entered a meet at T.I.S. against Donelson, Antioch, Cumberland, and Lipscomb. Due to our surprisingly fast sprinters, we won the meet with 60 points, which is very good when five teams are involved.

In the next meet, against an experienced T.I.S. team, Cumberland, Bellevue, Franklin, and Cohn, we came out second best; barely edging out Bellevue with 34 points.

In the Banner relays, which M.B.A. won, upsetting the pre-meet favorites, T.I.S. and East, Jack Herbert ran the fastest unofficial time in the 100 yd. dash

(10.04); and Pete Thompson broke the 180 yd. low hurdles record, though unofficial, too. Also the 880 relay team had a time .08 second off the record.

After winning the District II meet with not too much trouble, the team entered the Regional. Near the end of the meet, it was evident that it was between East and us. We had previously beaten East. But in the last race, East won first place and we won third, giving them a narrow 24½—24 1/5 victory over us. However, there were some bright spots. Whitney Waugh won the Discus with a throw of 127 ft., less than a foot off the N.I.L. record, and Thompson won the low hurdles in record-breaking time of 21.8.

All things considered, M.B.A. had a great track season for the first year, and we will all expect something out of those who qualified for the state meet.

**M.B.A. NETTERS NEAR CHAMPIONSHIP**

The M.B.A. tennis team this year has lived up to the reputation as a winner. The netters, under the careful direction of Coach Jim Rule, seem to have their tenth consecutive city championship. We are sure to have some top entries for the city singles and doubles tournament.

M.B.A. played its first match the 15th of April against Litton. The Maroons made a good start by turning them down six matches to none. The second start was against Lipscomb on April 19th. This match was handily won 10 to 0.

The following day M.B.A. took on Peabody. The Big Red netters sent Peabody home on the short end of a 5 to 1 score.

Shortly after this match, the M.B.A. team left Nashville for a series of matches in Chattanooga. The first of these matches took place Thursday, April 22nd against Darlington. M.B.A. lost 7 to 2. The next day the Maroons won their first victory of the series against Baylor. M.B.A. took this one 8 to 1. On Saturday McCallie beat the M.B.A. team 5 to 2. Although the Maroons dropped 2 of the 3 matches, the entire travelling team, composed of Captain Dickie Anderson, Gray-Smith, John Craig, Hayes Cooney, Glenn Brooks, and Mack Brothers, thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

The Club was back to its winning style against West on Monday, April 26, taking the match 4 to 0.

Castle Heights came for a contest on the 27th. Although the Castle Heights boys put up a good fight, M.B.A. won 7 matches to 1.

The Big Red rested from the 27th. until May 5th at which M.B.A. took on Hillsboro and defeated them.

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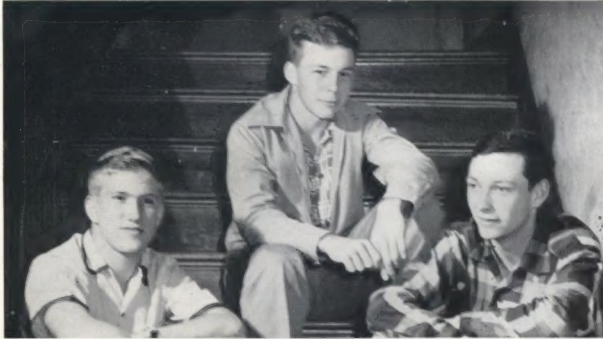
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## Personalities of the Month



Left to Right: Buzzy Boyd, Clarke Woodfin, John Sloan.

—Photo by Eddie White

### Buzzy Boyd

The Bell Ringer staff has selected Buzzy Boyd as one of its personalities of the month. Last year he was elected assistant business manager of the Bell Ringer, and this year he serves as business manager. Buzzy has worked very hard in selling enough advertisements to pay for the paper's expenses.

After graduating from Farmer School, Buzzy came to M.B.A. to begin his four years in high school. In his freshman year he was elected to the Honor Council, and he is now a member of the Hi-Y Club. This year Buzzy went out for the track team and he is on both the 2 mile relay team and the half mile team.

Buzzy is a member of the Alpha Chi Fraternity and serves as the Jeweler of the Fraternity. His cheerful disposition and his friendly smile for everyone are well known on the campus.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite Subject: Spanish  
Favorite Food: Fried chicken  
Disliked Subject: Trigonometry  
Favorite Actress: Jane Russell

### John Sloan

John, one of the most popular boys at M.B.A., came from Robertson Academy and entered here in the seventh grade. He has been active in many school activities, and has maintained a high scholastic average.

During his freshman year, John served as president of his class. He has served on the student council for two years.

John is a member of the Key Club. In recognition of his achievements in forensic and scholarship, he was elected to the Totomoi Club.

This year, John is the business manager of the Annual and has done a fine job. He is also a member of the National Honor Society. For two years John has been an active member of the Freedom Forum, which was given national recognition. He was also a delegate to Boys State.

In addition to a busy school schedule, John has served the Alpha Chi fraternity as secretary. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, John has served as president of the League.

Next fall, John plans to enter Vanderbilt, where he won a N.R.O.T.C. Scholarship. His friends at M.B.A. know he will make a great contribution there.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite subject:—English Literature  
Favorite food—Spare ribs and hominy  
Disliked subject—Spanish

### Clarke Woodfin

Clarke Woodfin came to M.B.A. when he was a Junior from Duncan. At Duncan he won many scholastic medals and also he was on the golf team.

At M.B.A. Clarke is a member of the Senior Honor Society. At the end of his Junior year he won the French medal. Clarke is a news writer for the paper staff and he also serves on the annual staff. He represented M.B.A. at the Boy's County Day and also at the Boy's State where he was elected as a member of Representatives. He is an active member of the Sigma Alpha Delta Fraternity and attends the West End Church of Christ.

Clarke is the pianist for a local high school orchestra which recently gave a program in assembly.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite Subject: French  
Most Hated Subject: English Literature  
Favorite Dish: Fried Chicken  
Most Hated Dish: Spaghetti

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## Girl of the Month



### Beth Creighton

This month, the Bell Ringer honors Miss Beth Creighton as its "Girl of the Month." Beth is in her junior year at Harpeth Hall where she is a member of the Eccowasin Club and the Athletic Association.

She attends the First Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Oak Hill youth Fellowship where she is second vice-president. Recently, she was elected president of the Nashville Presbytery. She is doing a fine job in both places.

For the past three years she has been a member of the S.A.P. sorority, and has taken a very active interest in the different activities.

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## LOCAL DANCE ORCHESTRA PLAYS AT M.B.A.

On Friday, April 30th, Clarke Woodfin and Gray Smith brought their orchestra to a special assembly here at 10:00. Besides Gray and Clarke, the 8 piece band consisted of two boys from Hillsboro High and four other boys from Litton High. Equipped with stands and matching suits, the boys really "played 'em fast and played 'em slow." Such hits as "Tuxedo Junction," "The Twelfth Street Rag," "The Saints," "Blue Skies," and "I'm in the Mood for Love" were played. Gray virtually thrilled the audience with his drum solos. The group has been organized for approximately five months and in that time they have played at several local school dances.

### M.B.A. Netters Near Championship

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They defeated them 7 to 0. The following day the netters easily beat Howard, 5-0. Against Howard, M.B.A. did not even lose a single game.

M.B.A. won its 7th straight NIL contest by beating North 6-0. Here again, the defending champs showed their superiority. They lost only one game.

It looks as if M.B.A. will have another good team next year since the team will lose only two seniors, Captain Dick Anderson, and No. 2 man, John Craig. Hayes Cooney was elected to be Captain for the next coming year.

Congratulations are due to the whole team for a sensational season.

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